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Mr. BAVIUS,

THE artifices of bookſellers, to give currency to the moſt worthleſs pieces, are ſo numerous, and have occaſioned ſo much vexation in the republic of letters; that I cannot but think ſome of your learned ſociety would be well employed in writing a handſome volume in folio, *de fraudibus bibliopolarum*: which he will eaſily find matter enough to fill, without going beyond the verge of S. Paul's church-yard, for inſtances.

Of all the parts of a book, the title is the moſt important, and that on which moſt depends: 'tis on the *bona fides* of this one page, that half the commerce of literature turns. By this are all future dealings in relation to the book tranſacted; and all bargains ſtruck between author and reader, bookſeller and buyer. Of all parts therefore, the title ſhould be the moſt authentic, and compoſed with the moſt juſtneſs, as well as skill. But the reverſe is known to obtain among us; where no part is ſo much neglected, none ſo ſubject to frauds. The compoſing of them is fallen into the hands of bookſellers; perſons often ignorant and incapable; and at beſt too nearly intereſted in the matter to do ſtrict juſtice. Even authors themſelves are ſcarce fit to be truſted with ſo delicate a province: they are often vain and weak, fond of their own productions, and conſequently liable to over-rate them. In brief, conſidering how large an article in trade books now make, I cannot think it unworthy the wiſdom of the government to take the matter under their care, to appoint ſome perſon, or company (for inſtance, that wherein you, Mr. BAVIUS, make ſo conſpicuous a figure) to give due names and titles to all writings which come from the preſs: that thoſe who have no opportunity of peruſing a book before they purchaſe it, (the caſe of the major part of the book-buyers in *Great Britain*,) may not be impoſed on with *quids pro quo's*; buy chaff for grain; or, to ſpeak in the language of Grub-ſtreet, *pro theſauro carbones*.

The chief rule by which moſt people buy books, is the author's name; which is now become no rule at all: ſince the bookſellers have taken the making of names, as well as titles, into their own hands. 'Tis they who now decide what name an author ſhall bear; and whether he ſhall have any name at all. If his perſon be obſcure, or his name obnoxious, his work ſhall either come out anonymous, that we may have room to ſuppoſe it written by a man of eminence; or ſome ſignificative appellative ſhall be thought of, that imports quite the contrary qualities, to cover the flaw the thicker. Thus, if he be a poor rogue, he ſhall be made a lord; and if an unbeliever, a biſhop: if he be noted for inſincerity, he ſhall be a PHILALETHES, or a PHILELEUTHERUS; if a very coxcomb, perhaps a SOCRATES or a CATO.

The *German* bookſellers give new authors to ſtale books, and print the ſame work under a ſeries of different names, dates, and places of impreſſion, 'till they hit on one to carry it off. The *Dutch* are no leſs dextrous at making the moſt of a good name; and can make a reputable author, who has only written three pages, ſtand as author to ſo many volumes, by a prudent interpoſition of other peoples pieces. For the *Engliſh* bookſellers, there is no ſpecies of legerdemain which certain among them do not practiſe daily, with as much ſucceſs as the heer F——, or minheer W—— themſelves. Generally ſpeaking, however, I find more diſpoſition in our name-brokers to borrow than to make: as who would be at the trouble of framing a new name, which, at beſt, will have its way to make, when he has already ſo many celebrated ones at his mercy? 'Tis but finding ſome author who has excelled on the ſame ſubject, and aſſuming his name, either in its proper form, or, if that be unſafe, with ſome minute variation; ſo as it may ſtill paſs with the generality for the ſame, yet ſo as to keep without the ſtatute.

This I take to be the top-part in the whole ſcience of onomotechny. A multitude of things are to be attended to, in order to put it in practice to advantage. Some care is to be taken in the choice of the author, whoſe name is to be borrowed; as that he be one who is dead, or that lives far off, or that holds little correſpondence abroad, or that has *nonchalance* enough to let the thing paſs without an open diſavowal. Then, great skill is to be ſhewn in the manner of making the variation itſelf; as that it turn chiefly on letters which are not heard in the pronunciation, e. gr. final *e's* or double *l's*; or ſuch as are eaſily confounded together, as diphthongs for ſingle vowels, *æ* for *e*; *y* for *i*, and the like. I have obſerved, Mr. BAVIUS, upwards of 30 different forms of this variation in modern books: ſome made by a tranſpoſition of certain letters, as FEILDING for FIELDING; ſome by the ſubſtitution of one letter for another, as in COLBATSH for COLBATCH; ſome by the omiſſion of a letter, as in CHAMBERLEN for CHAMBERLEYN; and ſome by addition, as in ALLEYN for ALLEN. Sometimes again the variation is made in the ſirname; ſometimes in the chriſtian name; where provided the initials be retained, the reſt may be altered ordinarily at pleaſure; thus for JOHN we find JOSEPH, or JAMES, put with good effect. This form has put ſome pounds into E. C—L's pocket: ſeveral editions of ſome of the worſt poems having been ſold by printing Mr. JOSEPH GAY on the title page, which, the pulic, he knew, would confound with the ingenious author of the paſtorals, Mr. JOHN GAY; on which *the Dunciad* touches very humorouſly.

He caught an empty JOSEPH *for a* JOHN.

On certain occaſions it is found proper to alter both chriſtian and ſirname; of which we have an inſtance in the *New Diſpenſary* juſt publiſhed, where Dr. JAMES ALLEYNE is regularly enough for Dr. JOHN ALLEN. But in all caſes a prudent onomotechniſt will take care to have ſome ſubterfuge or retreat left, in caſe of an open detection; of which we have alſo an inſtance in the book juſt mentioned. Dr. ALLEN hearing, as far as *Bridgewater*, that ſome bookſellers intended to make uſe of his name, proteſted againſt it in the public papers, and diſclaimed any ſhare in the work. Upon this, they prudently drew a little further off, and for JOHN ALLEN took their ſtand in JAMES ALLEYNE: which apparently anſwers the end as well, it being notorious, that notwithſtanding Dr. ALLEN's diſavowal, the book is ſtill bought and ſold for his. One thing is ſtill further neceſſary to make this art compleat, which none but the maſters are capable of; viz. to take care there be the due reſemblance between the manners of the two authors; and that their ſtyle, conduct, ſentiments, and ſyſtem be conſiſtent with each other.—On this rock moſt novices who have adventured this way, have ſplit. Thus, notwithſtanding the near alliance between Dr. JOHN ALLEN and Dr. JAMES in point of name, there is too viſible a diſparity in their manners. In the author of the *Synopſis* we find induſtry in compiling, judgment in chuſing, juſtice in quoting, accuracy in deſcribing; an eaſy method, and a ſignificant ſtyle. In the author of the *Diſpenſary* we find, I do not care to ſay what, but plagiary, over-ſight, impertinence, and contradiction in great abundance. For the plagiary, it cries aloud in every page, from the 2d to the 602d. *Stat. contra dicitque tibi tua pagina* FURES. The author does not ſteal at any vulgar rate, by paſſages and paragraphs, but by pages; not by ſingle pages, but by tens and hundreds; in ſhort, of 630 pages, of which his book conſiſts, 500 are fairly tranſcribed from Dr. QUINCY, word for word, without any further artifice than that of tranſpoſing the order, and caſting in now and then a ſpice of the *Hoſpital Diſpenſary*.

Dr. JAMES may reſemble Dr. JOHN, in that both of them copy others: but here commences a difference which ſoon ſets them as far aſunder as eaſt from weſt; one copies with judgment, the other without. You ſhall find Dr. JOHN ſifting his authors, ſeparating what is excellent in them from the reſt; following them ſometimes near, and ſometimes at a diſtance, as occaſion requires. You ſhall find Dr. JAMES groping about in the dark, catching hold of the firſt heap of rubbiſh that lay in his way, and dealing it out as if all jewels. He copies without regarding what, or whom, or how: to copy well, with him, is only to tranſcribe cloſe, to take good with bad; what is for the purpoſe, with what is againſt it. Thus it is he has dealt with QUINCY; copied him in ſeaſon, copied him out of ſeaſon, copied his deſcriptions, copied his recipes, copied his rationales, copied his quotations, copied his very title page, table, and index!—Yet he rails at him, as faſt as he copies him; and having tranſcribed his book, writes a preface to decry him: that the ſaying might be verified, *Spoliavit me, & maledixit mihi.* The ſame perſon is treated in the preface as a pyrate, one who made more blunders than pages; whom in the book we find followed, as if he were infallibility itſelf. Poor QUINCY is here damned for a dunce, who could not tranſlate a recipe without making miſtakes, which I tremble to hear of, after the compliment had been made him, of adopting the worſt parts of his book, with thoſe very miſtakes themſelves, as if it had been all perfection — This brings to mind the practice of certain rogues I have heard of, who, after they have plundered a houſe, ſet it on fire to prevent a diſcovery.

After all, Dr. JAMES is not to blame for copying QUINCY; who in matter of pharmacy, is beyond diſpute the beſt guide he had to follow. Had he copied him more, and given us QUINCY entire, which might ſafely have been done, notwithſtanding any laws now in being, it had been eaſier for himſelf, and better for his readers. Inſtead of this, he has unfortunately let many things eſcape of the greateſt importance, has added others utterly frivolous and foreign to the purpoſe, and altered others ſo exceedingly for the worſe, that the integrity and uſefulneſs of QUINCY's work, are in great meaſure loſt.

To give you a taſte of his additions: the capital one, whereon he values himſelf moſt, is his giving the genitive caſes of the latin Simples, to teach young phyſicians how to decline them; and printing marks over certain ſyllables of the longer names, to denote their quantities, and teach us to read them. I wonder he had not given the genders, and numbers too, of the nouns, and the reſt of the caſes, as well as the genitives; that the *Diſpenſary* might really have done the office of an *Accidence*. This, I ſuppoſe, is an addition reſerved for the next edition; in which young phyſicians will not only be able to learn their *Proſodia*, but their *Orthographia*, *Etymologia*, and *Syntax* too. In earneſt, Mr. BAVIUS, was ever ſuch a ſcheme laid for the improvement of phyſic books, to print them with all the grammatical apparatus of the ſchool books? If it goon, we may ſhortly expect to ſee Dr. SYDENHAM's *Proceſſus integri* printed with one of NATHAN BAILEY's *Numerical Clavis's*.

His omiſſions make worſe work: Of a multitude of articles in QUINCY which he has dropp'd, ſcarce one but leaves an unlucky hole behind, which his reader is left to ſink in, or fill up how he can. QUINCY's work was not ſo excellent throughout, that there was nothing to be found which could better have been ſpared, than thoſe uſeful chapters at the head of each claſs of medicines, as *on Cephalics, on Balſamics, on Carminatives*, &c. ſo neceſſary to the underſtanding of the particulars which follow; or than thoſe inſtructive articles on the *diſtribution* of ſimples, the rules for *gathering* them, the phyſical *method* of them; or the *hiſtories* of many of them; as *Lapis Hæmatites, Kermes, Mechoachan, Moxa*, and I know not how many more, which are here totally forgotten. Even thoſe two excellent articles of *Water* and *Malt Liquors*, the moſt generally eſteemed of any in the whole book, have periſhed in the croud. — The caſe is not much better with the *preparations* of the ſimples, which are ſo imperfectly delivered in the new QUINCY, in compariſon of the old, that for twenty ſeveral preparations, for inſtance *of Antimony*, in the one, I find but four in the other: for ſeventeen preparations of *Steel* in Q. I find but eight in A; for fifteen of *Nitre* but three; for eighteen of *Opium* but ſix; and of the reſt in proportion. It has fared much at the ſame rate with the extemporaneous *Preſcriptions*, many hundreds of the beſt and moſt approved of which are entirely omitted, and the reſt given twice over to fill up their room. Even the *Operations* of pharmacy have not eſcaped without taxation: no account of *Fermentation, Incorporations, Filtration, Clarification*, and the like.— Dr. ALLEYN's book may, indeed, be a good *Proſodia*, without all theſe; but it will make a very lame *Diſpenſary*.

Hitherto we have only ſeen QUINCY's work mangled; behold it now receives its death's wound: what has hitherto been done, only affected certain parts; Dr. A. has an alteration more, which demoliſhes the whole. The moſt eſſential thing in Q. and that on which he chiefly valued his own work, was the *Method*; in which he had laboured more, and ſucceeded better than any *Diſpenſary* writers before him; many of whom had, indeed, much the ſame materials, but diſpoſed in a manner no wiſe adapted to the occaſions, either of patient, or phyſician. This failing, Q. had the good fortune to ſupply, and to deduce pharmacy to a juſt phyſical order. He ranged his materials ſo, that we have in one view all the ſimples, or all the compounds belonging to any one caſe, or intention of cure; may compare them together; and make a choice moſt ſuitable to the occaſion. By thus interweaving phyſic with pharmacy, the ſtudy of each of thoſe ſciences is much facilitated to thoſe converſant in the other: and what is more, private perſons and families, whoſe circumſtances make it neceſſary, are hereby enabled, in moſt caſes, to do without either. —— All this ſtructure has our new author impiouſly defaced; and thrown QUINCY back into the ſame ſtate of confuſion which other Diſpenſaries were in, when he began to write; and to get out of wh[illegible] coſt him ſo much pains.

[*The concluſion ſhall follow in our next.*]

The *Prologue* addreſſed to the ancient and honourable ſociety of Free Maſons, on wedneſday, Nov. 29. Written by Mr. HAVARD, and ſpoken, at the New Theatre in Goodman's-Fields, by Mr. GIFFARD.

PROLOGUE.

IF to delight, to humanize the mind,
The ſavage world in ſocial ties to bind;
To make the moral virtues all appear,
Improv'd to uſeful, ſoften'd from ſevere;
If theſe demand the tribute of our praiſe,
The teacher's honour, or the poet's lays:
How do we view 'em all compriz'd in thee,
Thrice honour'd and myſterious Maſonry!

By thee erected, ſpacious domes ariſe,
And ſpires aſcending glitter in the skies;
The wond'rous whole by heav'nly art is crown'd,
And order in diverſity is found.

Through ſuch a length of ages, ſtill how fair,
How bright, how blooming do thy looks appear!
And ſtill ſhall bloom— Time, as it glides away,
Fears for it's own, before thy late decay.

The uſe of accents from thy aid is thrown;
Thou form'ſt a ſilent language of thy own;
Diſdain'ſt, that records ſhou'd contain thy art,
And only liv'ſt within the faithful heart.
Behold, where kings, and a long ſhining train
Of garter'd heroes wait upon thy reign:
Ally'd to thee, they are ally'd to fame,
And boaſt no honour but a Maſon's name.

Still in the dark let the unknowing ſtray;
No matter what they judge, or what they ſay:
Still may thy myſtic ſecrets be unclear'd;
And ſtill be hid, to be the more rever'd.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.* | E P. *Evening Poſt.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.* | S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.* | W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.* | L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

A monthly bill of Hyp-oratorical mortality for November. Hyp advertiſements, 6. Oratorical ditto, 10. In all, 16. — Hyp puffs, 5. Oratorical ditto, 6. In all, 11. — Decreaſed in the advertiſements this month, 3. Decreaſed in the puffs, 1.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 30.

N. B. The moſt important news we'll here rehearſe
In lofty ſtrains of various Epic verſe.

The right hon. the earl of Bradford has reſigned his commiſſion, as lord lieutenant of the county of Salop. P.

Mrs. Anne Vane is come to reſide at her houſe in Groſvenor-ſquare, with a great number of ſervants. D P. — Jenkin-Thomas Philips Eſq; preceptor to his royal highneſs the duke of Cumberland, is appointed hiſtoriographer to his majeſty, in the room of Rob. Stephens Eſq; deceaſed, a place worth 200l. per ann. D P.

Yeſterday fifty one cauſes were entered for tryal at the ſittings of *niſi prius* at the court of common-pleas, Weſtminſter, the like having not been known in the memory of man. D P. — *This is, no doubt, a plain ſign of the great plenty of money.*

The ſame day the place of one of the coal-meters of this city was ſold to Mr. Bramſon, formerly a woollen-draper, for 4625l. P.

This day, at the annual election of the officers for the royal ſociety, Sir Hans Sloane Bar, was re-elected preſident, &c. S J.

On monday Mr. Kennedy, a young gentleman of Ireland, belonging to the Temple, was married to a young lady of Glouceſterſhire, with a fortune of 6000l. W E.

The ſame day a man well dreſſed, about 60, was found dead in a houſe at Horſely-down, by ſome bricklayers going to repair it, it having been uninhabited for ſeveral months: he had in his pocket a watch, and ſome ſilver, and, in all appearance, had lain there ſome weeks. P.

This morning died at his houſe in Pall-Mall
Mr. William Bedcott, an undertaker of *any* funeral. S J.

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 1.

The committee choſen to conſider, when and in what manner to apply for the repeal or explanation of the corporation and teſt acts, reported to the generality on wedneſday, That at preſent it was not likely to be ſucceſsful. The majority did not agree therewith, and moved to recommit that opinion. All the committee, except lord Barington, diſcharged themſelves in a handſome manner from that truſt: then he and ſome others moved for a new committee, which cou'd not be agreed upon. At laſt it was agreed, that the old committee would reconſider this affair, with an addition of four perſons. To avoid the diſorders which attend ſuch general meetings, the committee are to report only to two perſons deputed by every congregation of the proteſtant diſſenters in and about the city of London; which has put this affair in a good way. C. — The perſons added to the committee were Benjamin Burroughs, Thomas Hollis, Edward Leeds, and Martin Beedwell Eſqs. D P. —— *I hear, that this* affair *is certainly* put in a good way.

Extract of the chair-man's [John Holden Eſq;] *ſpeech on the delivery of the opinion of the committee.* —Your known attachment to his majeſty's royal perſon and family, your perſevering zeal for the liberties of your country, your prudent and peaceful behaviour, will, 'tis to be hoped, conciliate the minds of ALL *ſuch who have any real concern for true religion and the welfare of their country*, to promote what is in itſelf ſo deſirable, and can be oppoſed by NONE, *but ſuch as are unhappily under the power of bigotry*, or the biaſs of intereſt — It muſt be owned the returns have not been ſuch as might have been REASONABLY *expected.* C. —— *This is a very charitable inſinuation, that* ALL who are truely religious *are for this repeal; and that* NONE but ſelf-intereſted perſons, or bigots, can *be againſt it.*

Extract of a Speech intended to have been delivered by Thomas Bromſall Eſq; — I am ſure none of us without doors, ever thought we were by that *former favour* ſecluded from asking the completion of it; as our conduct hath *juſtly deſerved* it, I humbly think, our enemies themſelves being judges. — We ought not in the leaſt to diminiſh our *juſt* reputation of being the king's *faſt friends.* —— And tho' no man more than I, can wiſh our preſent *fetters* knocked off, nevertheleſs I humbly think that the favour ſhould ſpring from above. D P. —— *Since theſe gentlemen have* juſtly deſerved *to have theſe ſuppoſed* fetters knocked off, *it is great condeſcenſion to acknowledge the doing of this to be matter of* favour. *But if this be done, they cannot ſo well claim the* juſt reputation *of being* the king's faſt friends.

Yeſterday his majeſty in council was pleaſed to prorogue the parliament to tueſday Jan. 18. when they will ſit. P. — Jan. 16. C. P. Dec. 6.

Yeſterday being S. Andrew's day, the titular ſaint of Scotland, their majeſties, and all the royal family wore croſſes. C. P. D P.

The ſame day at a great meeting of the Eaſt-India bondholders it was unanimouſly agreed, not to take leſs than four per cent. intereſt, nor to receive any payment but in ready ſpecie; and then they adjourned to the 13th. D P.

Laſt tueſday night, an undertaker's man,
Between two coaches which together ran,
In Lombard-ſtreet, was *ſqueez'd and* cruſh'd *ſo cloſe,*
That the blood guſh'd *in ſtreams* out of his noſe,
And one arm broke in places two, *as ſome ſuppoſe.* D J.

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 2.

Captain Douglas is made governor of fort S. Philip in Minorca, in the room of Colonel Edward Montagu made governor of Kingſton upon Hull. D J.

A general ſurvey of his majeſty's Ships of war having been made at Portſmouth and Chatham, ſeveral are order'd to be repair'd, and others to be rebuilt, with the utmoſt expedition. S J. L E.

The dutcheſs-dowager of Malborough's charity houſe in the town of S. Alban's will be two Stories high, and ſpacious enough to contain forty families, who are to be provided with all manner of neceſſaries at her grace's expence, who will endow it for ever. S J. L E.

We hear that on the 20th of next month his excellency the count de Montijo will make his public entry thro' this city in a very magnificent manner. C. D J.

Monday laſt came on the tryal between Euſtace Budgell Eſq, and the bailiff who uſed him in the barbarous manner mentioned in the 2d part of *Liberty and Property.* The court committed the bailiff to the King's bench priſon, order'd him to pay the full coſts of the ſuit, and five pounds damages. Mr. Budgell pleaded his own cauſe, and convicted the bailiff upon his own evidence; who, it is thought, will be called to a further account before the houſe of lords. D J.

At the end of the Oratory advertiſement *in* Fog's Journal *is this* N.B. *word for word.* " In the ſcripture, the " rule of preaching, are above a thouſand burleſque paſſages, " WHICH RENDERS IT ſtrictly religious in ITS turn." — *It is hop'd, that* Mr. Orator *gave an* Expoſition *of this paradox to the initiated, within doors, which to the profane without ſeemed as* irreligious, *as* ungrammatical *and* nonſenſical.

Yeſterday morning, as a higgler did come
To Leadenhall-market, from the town of Rum-
Ford; he was robb'd *(this news was brought by and for owls)*
By two foot-pads, of twelve ſhillings, a pig, and ſix fowls.
C. S J. W E.

MONDAY, *Dec.* 4.

Yeſterday the reverend Dr. Crow preached before their majeſties, and the three eldeſt princeſſes. C. D J. — The reverend Dr. Pierce before his royal highneſs the duke, and the two youngeſt princeſſes. D J.

Charles Towers Eſq; member of parliament for Lancaſter, and his brother Thomas Towers Eſq; member for Wareham in Dorſetſhire, *hath* obtained a grant of the reverſion, of the *place* of auditors of his majeſty's revenues, after the deceaſe of auditor Harley and auditor Foley. D P.

The officers of the royal ſociety for the enſuing year are
Sir Hans Sloane Bar. preſident.
Members of the old council continued.

Martin Folkes Eſq; | John Machin Aſt. Pr. Gr. Secr.
Sir John Forteſcue Aland. | Richard Mead M. D.
Roger Gale Eſq; treaſurer. | CromwellMortimer, MD. Se.
John Hadley Eſq; | Charles duke of Richmond.
Edm. Halley LL. D. Aſt. Reg. | James Weſt Eſq;

Members of the ſociety added to the council.

Lord Carpenter. | William Jones Eſq;
Joſeph Andrews Eſq; | Smart Lethieullier Eſq;
Mr. John Eams. | Lord Percivall.
Mr. George Graham. | Mr. Iſaac Rand.
John Jeffreys Eſq; | James Theobald Eſq; P.

On ſaturday in the afternoon, near Wanſworth, a wagGon was overturn'd, and broke a poor woman's leg. C.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 5.

Their majeſties being indiſpoſed with a cold, there was no drawing-room at S. James's laſt night. P.

They write from Cheſter, that laſt week Watkin William Wynn Eſq; knight of the ſhire for Denbigh, was choſen an alderman in the room of alderman Allen deceaſed. — And that Mr. Manley had begun to make intereſt to repreſent that city in the room of ſir Richard Groſvenor, deceaſed. D P.

Yeſterday a duel was fought in Hyde Park, between a noted diſtiller near Oxford road, and a gentleman belonging to the life-guards, with ſword and piſtol; and after a ſharp engagement, the latter had one of his legs ſhatter'd to pieces; and when his antagoniſt ſaw him drop, he made off. P. — *Had a* diſtiller *made* his antagoniſt drop, *by firing a pocket* piſtol *charged with brandy, it had not been half ſo ſtrange*

Yeſterday a countryman, who was attending on a cauſe in the court of Common-pleas at Weſtminſter, had his pocket pick'd of his bag, in which were three guineas and ſome ſilver. P. — *This* article *is not near ſo ſtrange as the preceding.*

Laſt week Richard Vaughan Eſq; knight of the ſhire for the county of Merioneth, was married to miſs Nanny, of Nanny-hall in the ſame county, a rich heireſs. D P. — The laſter end of laſt week Robert Fotherby Eſq; an eminent merchant of this city, was married to an agreeable young widow gentlewoman, with a fortune of 30,000l. W E. — Mrs. Chandler. C. D P. *Dec.* 6. — 30,000l. *would have made* an old widow gentlewoman agreeable *enough.*

On monday the 4th inſtant dyed of a violent inflamatory fever, at the duke of Queenberry's in Burlington Gardens, Mr. John Gay. He was deſcended of a gentleman's family in Devonſhire, and had been ſecretary to the embaſſy to Hanover in the laſt year of queen Anne, when he had the honour of being perſonally known by the royal family; to which he expreſs'd his loyalty and affection in ſome excellent poems. He was one of the moſt eminent poets; and, in ſome parts of writing, the moſt eminent of his age. His perſonal character was perfectly amiable; the moſt natural, inoffenſive, and diſintereſted of men: his converſation was ſought by all that knew him; and his life chiefly paſt in the friendſhip and ſociety of perſons of the firſt rank. He left a moderate fortune, no part owing to any preferment, but wholly to his own labour and prudence, between two ſiſters. No place is vacant by his death. L E.

A few days ſince died at his ſeat near Lancaſter — Fenwick Eſq; a gentleman of about 1000 per ann. D P. — Yeſterday died at his houſe at Carſhalton, Mr. Benjamin Barker, chief clerk of the bank transfer-books, reputed worth 10,000l. D P.

Yeſterday a porter letting down a pipe of wine in a cellar,
The pulley breaking, the pipe upon him fell *there,*
Broke one of his legs, and bruis'd him *more than I can*
tell here. S J.

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 6.

Their majeſties continuing indiſpoſed with a cold do not ſee any body except miniſters of ſtate. P.

The honourable Edward Carteret Eſq; has a commiſſion for acting ſolely as poſt-maſter-general, in order to prevent any delay, on account of the joint-commiſſion to himſelf and the late Edward Harriſon Eſq; D J.

This day begins the ſeſſions at the Old-Baily, when upwards of ſixty perſons are to be tried. D J. — Upwards of 120. P.

On ſunday the ſon of Mr. Guerney, apothecary in Pall-Mall, was married to the daughter of governor Roberts, an agreeable young lady, and a fortune of 10,000l. P.

On monday died Mr. Whitaker in the Tower. About ſeven weeks ago he was bit in the hand by a mad dog, and having been dipt twice in the ſalt water, continued very well till laſt ſunday, when he aſſured ſeveral of his acquaintance he ſhould die next day raving mad: ten or twelve perſons attended him, and tied him down in his

bed. He retained his ſenſes ſo far, as to deſire them to put on two pair of gloves each, for he ſhould certainly bite them. A ſmall time before he expired, he bark'd ten or twelve times like a dog. *D F.*

On monday laſt a young lad, *in the ſight of many people,*
Flew three ſeveral times from the top of Lambeth ſteeple. *D F.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

The *EPILOGUE*, written by Mr. HAVARD, and ſpoken by Mrs. GIFFARD, before the ancient and honourable ſociety of Free Maſons, at the New Theatre in Goodman's Fields, Nov. 29.

WEll,—here I'm come to let you know my thoughts;
Nay,—ben't allarm'd—I'll not attack your fau'ts—
Alike be ſafe the cuckold, and the wit,
The cuckold-dubber, and the ſolemn crit—
I'm in good humour, and am come to prattle—
Han't I a head well turn'd, d'ye think, to rattle?
But to clear up the point, and to be free—
What think you is my ſubject?—Maſonry—
Tho' I'm afraid, as lawyers caſes clear,
My learn'd debate will leave you as you were.
But I'm a woman—and when I ſay that,
You know we'll talk—tho' tis—we know not what.
What think you, ladies, an't it dev'liſh hard,
That we ſhou'd from this ſecret be debarr'd?
How comes it, that the ſofteſt hours of love
To wheedle out this ſecret fruitleſs prove?
For we can wheedle, when we hope to move.
What can it mean? why all this mighty pother?
Their myſtic ſigns, and ſolemn calling Brother?
That we are qualify'd in ſigns is known;
We can keep ſecrets too—but they're our own.
When my good man firſt went to be a Maſon,
Tho' I reſolv'd to put the ſmootheſt face on;
Yet, to ſpeak truely, I began to fear
He muſt ſome dreadful operation bear.
But he return'd to ſatisfy each doubt,
And brought home every thing he carry'd out:
Nay, came improv'd; for on his face appear'd
A pleaſing ſmile, that ev'ry ſcruple clear'd;
Such added complaiſance—ſo much good-nature;
So much, ſo ſtrangely alter'd for the better,—
That to increaſe our mutual delight,
Would he were made a Maſon every night.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 30.

Paris, Dec. 6. N.S. His catholic Majeſty hath ordered the king of Sardinia's ambaſſador to be gone from Seville in 24 hours, and from Spain in a fortnight. *C. &c.*

Vienna, Nov. 22. N. S. The grand ſeignior has ſigned the peace with his imperial majeſty for 20 years longer. *P.*

Rome, Nov. 15. Laſt week died the lord Ratcliff, (ſo called here,) and has left the bulk of his eſtate, very conſiderable, to one of his grand nephews; and a curious collection of medals to the chevalier de S. George. *D P.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 1.

Rome, Nov. 15. We learn from Bologne, that the ſerene infante duke is returned from Placentia to Parma. *D P.*—Not being able to endure the air of Placentia. *C.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 5.

Paris, Dec. 1. The parliament was opened this day: but in caſe the court do not vouchſafe ſome ſatisfaction to that illuſtrious body, it is much feared that the animoſities will become more inveterate than ever. *P.*

We deſire, that the advertiſements deſigned for this paper may be ſent before twelve of the clock on tueſdays, otherwiſe they cannot be inſerted.

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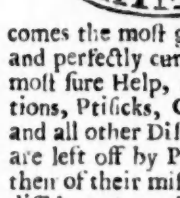

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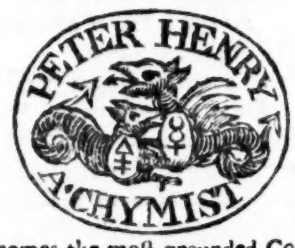

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